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Applicant

: Franck Bausela et al.

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: Device for Adjusting the Phase of Perforating

Devices as a Function of the Folding Mode

Examiner

: Omar Flores-Sánchez

Group Art Unit: 3724

AMENDMENT under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office action dated February 5, 2003 and prior to continued examination, kindly amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

the Claims:

aim 1(twice amended). A device for perforating material webs, comprising: